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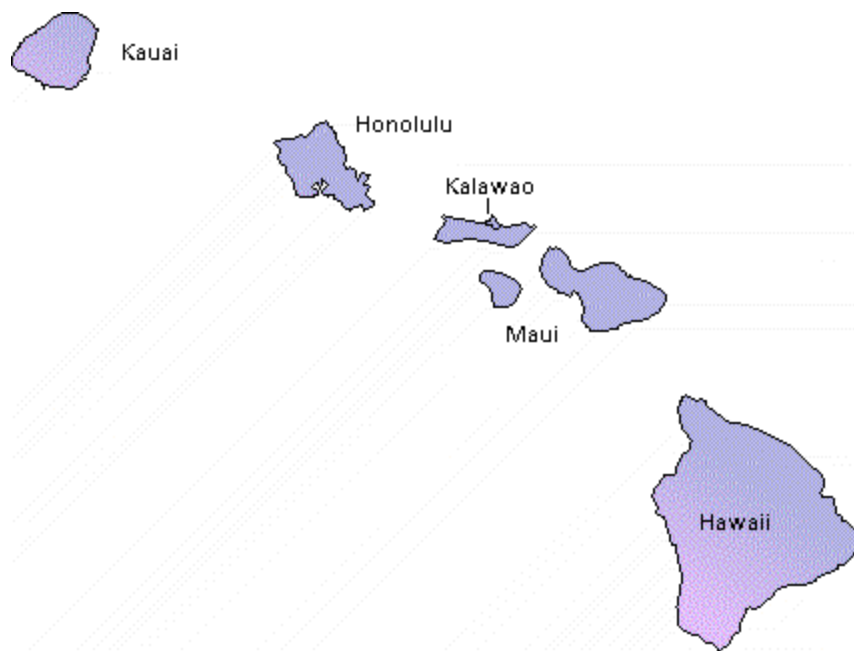
## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### State of Hawaii

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Hawaii**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population: 1,211,537 (2000 Census); 1,224,398 (2001 estimate)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 24.3% white; 1.8% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 41.6% Asian; 9.4% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.3% other race; 21.4% two or more races; 7.2% Hispanic/Latino

### **Politics**

- Governor: Ben Cayetano<sup>2</sup>
- Lt. Governor: Mazie Hirono<sup>3</sup>
- Attorney General: Earl Anzai<sup>4</sup>
- Senate Members: Daniel Akaka (D), Daniel Inouye (D)<sup>5</sup>
- House Members: Neil Abercrombie (D), Patsy Mink (D)<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>7</sup>  
Designated in 1999, the Hawaii HIDTA is responsible for the following counties: Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui. This area's location, popularity as a resort destination, and high volume of international and domestic air and sea travel, provide crime organizations with ample opportunity to traffic drugs into and through the area.
- Project PAU (Preventing Alcohol Use Among Youths)  
This project convenes a representative statewide council to serve as a clearinghouse for information and coordination of initiatives; develops a statewide plan on reducing underage drinking; and selects and monitors special projects that will have the greatest impact on the problem.

### **Federal Funding**

- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Hawaii: \$3,016,472<sup>8</sup>
- FY 2001 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Hawaii: \$1,037,673<sup>9</sup>
- Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grantees in Hawaii:<sup>10</sup>
  - FY 2001
    - \$100,000 was awarded to the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii/Ewa Beach Coalition, Honolulu.
  - None for FY 2000 and 1999
  - FY 1998
    - \$100,000 was awarded to the County of Kauai, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>11</sup>  
There are two Weed and Seed sites located in Honolulu. The first site, established in 1998, encompasses the Kalihi-Palama/Chinatown area. The second Weed and Seed site is in Waipahu. This site became officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site in February 2000.

- FY 2001/02 SAMSHA Formula and Discretionary Grant Allotments Summary: <sup>12</sup>
  - Formula Funding
    - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant: \$7,164,579
    - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant: \$1,735,391
    - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH): \$300,000
    - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant: \$384,900
  - Discretionary Funding
    - Mental Health: \$569,820
    - Substance Prevention: \$6,129,963
    - Substance Abuse Treatment: \$839,265
  - Total Mental Health Funds: \$2,990,111
  - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$14,133,807
  - Total Funds for Hawaii: \$17,123,918
- SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, State Incentive Grant was awarded to Hawaii in 2000 in the amount of \$800,000. <sup>13</sup>

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2000, there were 2,469 arrests for drug abuse violations in Hawaii. <sup>14</sup>

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Hawaii, 1999-2000

Offense	1999	2000
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	44	40
Forcible rape	84	75
Robbery	376	473
Aggravated assault	612	691
Burglary	885	798
Larceny-theft	5,179	4,780
Motor vehicle theft	857	1,031
Arson	21	39
Other assaults	3,361	3,640
Drug abuse violations	2,492	2,469
Driving under the influence	3,661	3,208
Liquor laws	1,005	607

- Between July 2000 and June 2001, there were 1,578 drug-related arrests in Hawaii. <sup>15</sup>

Drug Related Arrests and Amount Seized, Statewide Narcotics Task Force, July 2000-June2001

Police Department	# of Arrests	Cash Seized	Weapons Seized	Vehicles Seized
Honolulu Police Dept.	104	\$785,550	13	12
Hawaii Co. Police Dept.	571	\$82,008	13	6
Kauai Police Dept.	133	\$55,521	3	11
Maui Police Dept.	770	\$51,405	2	1
Total	1,578	\$974,484	31	30

## Drugs

### ➤ Medical Marijuana<sup>16</sup>

- In 2000, Hawaii's Governor Cayetano signed into law a bill to approve the possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes. This bill, SB862 HD1, states that medical use of marijuana by a patient shall only be permitted if:
  - the qualifying patient has been diagnosed by a physician as having a debilitating medical condition,
  - the qualifying patient's physician has certified in writing that the potential benefits of medical marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient, and
  - the amount of marijuana does not exceed an adequate supply.

An adequate supply of marijuana is the amount of marijuana jointly possessed between the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver that is not more than is reasonably necessary to assure the uninterrupted availability of marijuana. This adequate supply is not to exceed three mature plants, four immature plants, and no more than one ounce of usable marijuana.

- In 2002, both the Hawaii House (HB 1805) and Senate (SB 2502) proposed bills to provide legal protection at the state level to certain nonprofit organizations that are registered with the state to distribute medical marijuana.

- The 1999 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse stated that 7.1% of Hawaii's population age 12 and older used an illicit drug during the past month. The survey also stated that 6.0% had used marijuana in the month before the survey.<sup>17</sup>
- Cocaine is readily available throughout the state and is often used with alcohol, heroin, and marijuana. Crack cocaine is also readily available and is converted on an as needed basis.<sup>18</sup>
- Most heroin use in the state is associated with white, middle class, 30 to 40 year old users, although younger persons are now experimenting with the drug. A small percentage of addicts sometimes distribute heroin to finance their own habits.<sup>19</sup>
- Crystal methamphetamine ("ice") is the drug of choice in Hawaii. Methamphetamine is considered readily available, with the majority of it converted into ice before distribution.<sup>20</sup>
- Among teens and young adults (20-30 years old), there has been a continued increase in Ecstasy use. Ecstasy abuse is rising among the large military population in Hawaii and it is considered the major drug use issue effecting active duty military in the state.<sup>21</sup>
- Marijuana availability is perceived to be normal. It is frequently encountered in schools among students as young as sixth grade. Medical marijuana certificates are a concern on the islands, where local users are permitted to grow several plants at their residences for personal consumption.<sup>22</sup>
- Hydrocodone is one of the most abused pharmaceutical drugs in Hawaii, ranging from \$3-\$9 per tab on the street. OxyContin's street price has risen 20% due to increased demand with prices ranging from \$18 for 80 milligrams to \$3 for 10 milligrams.<sup>23</sup>

## Juveniles

- During 2000 in Hawaii, there were 492 juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations.<sup>24</sup>

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Hawaii, 1999-2000

Offense	1999	2000
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	2	4
Forcible rape	14	7
Robbery	104	148
Aggravated assault	117	129
Burglary	365	277
Larceny-theft	1,634	1,539
Motor vehicle theft	233	205
Arson	10	14
Other assaults	912	991
Drug abuse violations	554	492
Driving under the influence	84	69
Liquor laws	228	156

- During 2001, 38.8% of Hawaii's high school students admitted trying marijuana at least once in their lifetime.<sup>25</sup>

Percent of High School Students Using Selected Drugs, Hawaii, 2001

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime Marijuana Use	38.0%	39.6%	38.8%
Current Marijuana Use	18.4	23.2	20.5
Lifetime Cocaine Use	7.5	4.2	6.1
Current Cocaine Use	2.8	2.0	2.4
Lifetime Inhalants Use	12.5	10.7	11.8
Current Inhalant Use	3.0	3.5	3.2
Lifetime Heroin Use	1.8	3.2	2.5
Lifetime Methamphetamine Use	7.1	5.8	6.5
Lifetime Illegal Steroid Use	2.5	3.2	2.8
Lifetime Injected Illegal Drug Use	1.5	2.8	2.0
Tired Marijuana before age 13 years	11.2	12.5	11.8

- During 2001 in Hawaii, 51.6% of 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime.<sup>26</sup>

Percent of High School Students Using Selected Drugs, by grade, Hawaii, 2001

Drug Type and Use	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Lifetime Marijuana Use	26.6%	34.3%	43.6%	51.6%
Current Marijuana Use	14.5	19.7	23.7	21.9
Lifetime Cocaine Use	6.3	6.8	4.6	7.1
Current Cocaine Use	2.9	2.9	2.3	1.3
Lifetime Inhalants Use	15.1	10.9	11.5	7.7

Current Inhalant Use	4.4	3.4	3.1	1.3
Lifetime Heroin Use	1.5	3.3	2.8	1.3
Lifetime Methamphetamine Use	5.5	5.4	7.1	8.3
Lifetime Illegal Steroid Use	4.0	2.1	2.0	2.5
Lifetime Injected Illegal Drug Use	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.3
Tired Marijuana before age 13 years	15.8	12.1	9.0	9.6

### Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2000, there were 3,618 full-time law enforcement employees in Hawaii, 2,864 of which were officers.<sup>27</sup>
- Hawaii HIDTA Initiatives.<sup>28</sup>
  - Hawaii Airport Task Force: This joint task force focuses on airport interdiction.
  - Methamphetamine Task Force: This task force will develop and implement a coordinated strategy to identify, investigate, prosecute, and dismantle the drug organizations involved in the smuggling, manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.
  - Black Tar Heroin Task Force: This task force is similar to the Methamphetamine Task Force except that its efforts will be focused on black tar heroin.
  - Money Laundering/Asset Forfeiture Task Force: This investigative initiative gathers, develops, and analyzes intelligence to identify, investigate, and prosecute money laundering drug organizations.
- Statewide Narcotics Task Force<sup>29</sup>  
This task force combines multi-agency efforts including airport interdiction, intelligence sharing, standardized training, and the use of canine in the detection of drugs. Federal and county law enforcement personnel, as well as state narcotics investigators are involved in this task force.
- Statewide Marijuana Eradication Task Force<sup>30</sup>  
This task force is a multi-agency, cooperative effort to eradicate marijuana in Hawaii. Multi-agency efforts include joint missions, investigations, and surveillance, regular meetings, regular and standardized training. Members of the task force include personnel from county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies with leadership provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

### Trafficking and Seizures

- From July 2000 to June 2001, 596,970.37 grams of marijuana was seized in Hawaii.<sup>31</sup>

Type of Drug Seized (in grams) by Police Department, Statewide Narcotics Task Force, 7/00-6/01

	Crystal Meth	Cocaine	Heroin	Marijuana
Honolulu	25,001	28,922	4,793	47,040
Hawaii	1,533.89	3,436.43	3,367.65	6,519.85
Kauai	2,042.20	90.30	0.10	7,268.30
Maui	544	3,677	0.0	536,142.22
Total	29,121.09	36,126.03	8,160.75	596,970.37

- During 2000, a total of 467,546 cultivated marijuana plants were seized in Hawaii under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.<sup>32</sup>

#### Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Hawaii, 2000

Type of plant eradicated	Number
Outdoor plots eradicated	14,036
Outdoor cultivated plants eradicated	466,901
Indoor grows seized	12
Indoor cultivated plants eradicated	645
Total cultivated plants eradicated	467,546

- From 2000 to 2001, twelve clandestine drug laboratories were investigated (11 on Oahu and 1 on Maui) and 11 arrests for offenses related to drug manufacturing were made on Oahu.<sup>33</sup>
- Most of the heroin seized in Hawaii is black tar heroin, although Southeast Asian heroin is also smuggled and distributed in the state.<sup>34</sup>
- Most of the methamphetamine labs seized in Hawaii are small "conversion" laboratories. Through analysis of the seized glassware and chemicals, it was found that most laboratories are capable of manufacturing in ounce quantities.<sup>35</sup>
- Ecstasy is not manufactured in Hawaii, but is shipped from the mainland through the U.S. mail or smuggled on incoming flights through the Honolulu airport.<sup>36</sup>
- Hawaii is considered the "national leader" in the production of high-grade marijuana. Homegrown marijuana, either harvested from indoor operation or from outdoor grows, remains a staple for the local demand and for export to the mainland.<sup>37</sup>
- During 2001, 30.0 kilograms of methamphetamine was seized in Hawaii.<sup>38</sup>

#### Federal Drug Seizures (in kilograms), Hawaii, 2001

Cocaine	28.6
Heroin	5.5
Methamphetamine	30.0
Marijuana	7.9

- During 2001, there were 3 methamphetamine labs seized in Hawaii.<sup>39</sup>

#### Methamphetamine Lab Seizures, Hawaii, 1996-2001

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
2	13	4	8	5	3

## Courts

- In 2000, 51% of the 292 Federal defendants in Hawaii were charged with a drug-related offense.<sup>40</sup> In 2001, 50.4% of the 357 Federal defendants in Hawaii were charged with a drug-related offense.<sup>41</sup>

### Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, Hawaii, FY 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Powder cocaine	13.5%	17.0%
Crack cocaine	21.6	11.9
Heroin	10.1	10.2
Marijuana	8.1	9.7
Methamphetamine	44.6	51.1
Other	2.0	0.0

- Drug Courts<sup>42</sup>  
As of June 2002, there were 7 drug courts in Hawaii that were either already in existence or were being planned.
  - One drug court in existence for over two years;
  - Three drug courts that had been recently implemented;
  - Three drug courts are being planned in Hawaii.
- Hawaii Drug Court Enhancement Project<sup>43</sup>  
This project, which was implemented in November 2000, provides a location for participants making the transition to clean and sober living to report to on a daily basis. This project provides extended counseling and case management services, treatment services, as well as vocational/educational assistance.

## Corrections

- On December 31, 2001, there were 15,581 adults on probation in Hawaii.<sup>44</sup>

### Number of Adults on Probation and Parole, Hawaii, 2001

	Probation	Parole
January 1, 2001	15,525	2,504
December 31, 2001	15,581	2,608
Percent change Jan-Dec	+0.4%	+4.2

- At yearend 2001, there were approximately 5,454 prisoners under the jurisdiction of State or Federal correctional authorities in Hawaii. This is up 7.9% from the 5,053 prisoners in 2000.<sup>45</sup>

## Treatment<sup>46</sup>

- During 2000 in Hawaii, there were 6,656 total substance abuse treatment admissions.

Number of People Receiving Drug/Alcohol Treatment, Hawaii, 2000

Substance	Number	Percent
Alcohol only	1,046	15.7%
Alcohol with secondary drug	1,485	22.3
Cocaine (smoked)	337	5.1
Cocaine (other route)	78	1.2
Marijuana	1,344	20.2
Heroin	370	5.6
Other Opiates	68	1.0
PCP	--	0.0
Hallucinogens	11	0.2
Amphetamines	1,833	27.5
Other stimulants	--	0.0
Tranquilizers	10	0.2
Sedatives	12	0.2
Inhalants	2	0.0
Other/unknown	60	0.9
Total	6,656	100.0

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